

7. The method of Claim 5, wherein said cutting blade is moved by an optical fiber cutting apparatus including a cutting blade holder configured to hold and to move said cutting blade to a cutting position, an optical fiber supporter configured to support the optical fiber such that said cutting blade is perpendicular to the optical fiber at the cutting position, a speed reducing device configured to reduce and to transmit drive force, and a drive force transmission device configured to transmit the drive force from said speed reducing device to said cutting blade holder.

8. The method of Claim 7, wherein said drive force is provided by a motor.

9. The method of Claim 8, wherein said speed reducing device comprises a plurality of speed reducing gears configured to reduce a rotational speed of said motor.

10. The method of Claim 9, wherein said drive force transmission device comprises a cam configured to rotate along with a rotation of said plurality of speed reducing gears and a cam follower configured to move in a rectilinear direction along with a rotation of said cam.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application, as amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are present in this application, Claims 1 and 2 having been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, Claims 3-4 having been canceled and new Claims 5-10 having been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; and Claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Walker (U.S. Patent 4,474,319).